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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Rewrite the paragraph appearing at page 8, line 3, as follows:

Figs. 11(a) and 11(b) illustrate a combination of a liquid crystal layer having an Nz coefficient of 1.0 and a phase plate having an Nz coefficient of 0.0;

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Rewrite claim 12 as follows:

12. (Amended) The device of claim 11 wherein said liquid crystal layer has a retardation in the range of about 200 to 310 nm.